

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 895

SENATE BILL NO. 1182

By Black, Raymond Finney, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1279

By Lynn, Maggart, Hardaway, Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 2, relative to voter registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

2-2-140.

(a)(1) The state coordinator of elections is encouraged to make every reasonable effort to enter into agreements with other states for the purpose of comparing data to identify duplicate voter registrations. If agreements are entered into with other states, upon finding any duplicate voter registrations, the state coordinator of elections shall make every effort to determine in which state the voter is rightfully entitled to vote.

(2) The state coordinator of elections shall promulgate rules and regulations for any agreements entered into that make provisions for security, maintenance of the integrity of Tennessee's voter information and a method to determine, verify and resolve duplicate voter registrations between the states. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5.

(b) The state coordinator of elections shall file a report with the state and local government committees of each house by January 15, 2009, and by January 15 in each year thereafter, regarding the status of any agreements entered into with other states, the progress or difficulties of reaching agreements with other states, and any other information the state coordinator of elections deems necessary to include in the report to keep the members of the general assembly apprised on this essential issue regarding the integrity of Tennessee's statewide voter registration database.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 29, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR